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Atlantic City Lives Up to Its Reputation

Entertains 1950 A.D.A. Meeting In Style

The 91st Annual Meeting of the American Dental Association was held in Atlantic City during the week of October 30. The host city turned on its charm and with it some ideal Indian summer weather with temperatures in the seventies to prove to the visitors that its claim of being the "ideal convention city" was not unfounded. The attendance figure was 11,608.

Dr. LeRoy M. Ennis of Philadelphia was elected president-elect. Dr. H. B. Washburn was reappointed treasurer for one year and Dr. Lon W. Morrey was reappointed editor for a three-year term. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, present general secretary, was given a three-year appointment last year. Dr. L. H. Jacob of Peoria, after proving his worth by filling the unexpired term of Dr. Harold W. Oppice, was elected trustee of the Eighth (Illinois) District for three years. Dr. Oppice, who has been serving as president-elect, was installed as president at the final meeting of the House of Delegates.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House of Delegates held its meetings in the beautifully appointed American Room of the Hotel Traymore. It

transacted a terrific amount of business, got into a few long-drawn-out arguments, but, on the whole, had an unanimity of opinion on questions of importance. The speaker of the House, Dr. Percy T. Phillips, as usual, conducted the meetings with a minimum of lost motion. He again proved to be a parliamentarian par excellence and his decisions were accepted as authoritative.

The first business of the House was the reading of the President's Report. In his report, President Adams pointed out that he had served as official representative of the Association at approximately seventy-five meetings from October 1949 to August 1950. Forty of these meetings were with constituent, component and regional groups and the remaining thirty-five with government agencies, auxiliary groups, non-affiliated professional groups, service clubs and such. Many of these meetings were combined with press conferences and radio programs in order that the public could become better informed on the objectives and plans of the Association for the improvement of dental health. All of which points graphically to the fact that the demands on the president's time are reaching a saturation point and that some mechanism must be devised to make the office of president less exacting.

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FINANCES

As everyone knows, the biggest problem facing the House of Delegates was that of getting the 1951 budget into balance. The Board of Trustees, whose duty it is to prepare the budget, had two alternatives: (1) get more income for the Association; (2) cut expenses to the point where they matched present income. If all the askings of the various councils and bureaus had been granted, the budget would have ended up a quarter of a million dollars out of balance.

The House, after considerable debate, took the first alternative. It decided that many activities must not be curtailed; they are much too important. So, it decided to increase the income by the only means available; a raise in dues. The first proposal called for a four-dollar increase, but it was quickly shown that such an increase would be a mere drop in the bucket. Finally an eight-dollar increase was decided upon, which will mean that the Association can carry on most of its activities and at the same time build up a reserve, without which no business can continue.

The House passed a resolution to the effect that "the American Dental Association recommends the fluoridation of municipal water supplies when the fluoridation procedure is approved by the local dental society and utilized in accordance with the standards established by the responsible health authority." It also recommended a continuation of controlled studies of the benefits derived from the fluoridation of water supplies.

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

Although the issues at stake in the House of Delegates aroused vast interest, the scientific sessions were well at-

tended and well repaid those who were searching for something new and different. These sessions were held in the Auditorium, an ideal meeting place. The Essay and Clinic program covered four full days. Leading essayists and clinicians took part and every conceivable subject came in for consideration. Among the Chicagoland participants were the following: Gerald G. Casey, Robert G. Kessel, W. W. Wainwright, Wallace N. Kirby, Loren D. Sayre, Carl W. Giebler, S. Sol Flores, LaMar W. Harris and Saul Levy. Merrill J. Shepro, Eduard Georg Friedrich and Godfrey Schroeder presented motion pictures. The Scientific Exhibits and Motion Picture Program were of exceptionally fine quality.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

As befitting one who has worked hard to make the American Dental Golf Association a success and who served as its president, Robert L. "Tiny" Lasater of Evanston won the golf championship. The tournament was held at the Sea View Golf club on Monday, October 30. The ladies were treated to a luncheon and fashion show on Tuesday, October 31, at the Chalfonte Hotel. At the General Session on Tuesday, Erwin D. Canham, editor of the *Christian Science Monitor* and one of the great editors of our time, spoke on "The Basic Challenge." Mr. Canham made a 25,000-mile tour of the Orient in 1947 and has fulfilled many important assignments in his brilliant career, acting as an advisor to the State Department's international information program and as an alternate to the United Nations' General Assembly. His thought-provoking talk was truly inspiring.

As a climax to the social calendar, President and Mrs. Adams were honored by a banquet and entertainment on Wednesday, November 1, at the Traymore.

IRWIN G. NEER
President
Northwest Side Branch



Irwin G. Neer, President, Northwest Side Branch, Chicago Dental Society, was graduated from Loyola University School of Dentistry in 1934. He served on many committees in his Branch before becoming successively treasurer, secretary and president. He was chairman of the Motion Picture Division of the 1950 Midwinter Meeting. He is a member of Alpha Omega Fraternity.

Dr. Neer is one of the four "Rover Boys" known for his travels throughout the country and he has given numerous essays and clinics on *Practice Management*, *Crown and Bridge*, *Inlays and Hydrocolloid Technics*. He is a "gadgeteer" in many respects, being interested in photography and in putting around in his machine shop.

EDITORIAL

ARBITRATION

Scarcely a week goes by at the Central Office but what a number of disgruntled patients call to register complaints. Almost universally these complaints have to do with dentures. If the patient is wearing them or has them in his pocket, he will proceed to demonstrate how they become dislodged at the slightest provocation. Sometimes the patient isn't so concerned with getting advice as he is with getting his money back. He apparently believes that the Society has police powers over its members and can order them to make restitution. Singularly enough, most of the patients whose dentures don't fit are the ones who haven't paid for them. They get riled up only when the dentist tries to collect the balance of his fee. Of course, a considerable number of complaints would never arise if there had been an understanding between dentist and patient at the outset. Fees are quoted and the down payment is made, but the little detail of having the money in hand when the case is finished is sometimes forgotten.

Despite all precautions, however, a certain number of patients will always be dissatisfied. Many of them would be willing to submit their grievances to an arbitration committee but feel that such a committee, manned exclusively by dentists, as is usually the case, would be a prejudiced body. This objection could be overcome easily by appointing a layman to the committee. This might cost the dental society a few dollars but would be more than made up by the goodwill it would engender. It would be worth a try.

BEHIND SCHEDULE

There was a time when readers of this magazine received their copies approximately on time. Now it takes as much as ten days before the last one is delivered in the suburbs. By that time, advertised meetings have come and gone and some members are never the wiser.

All this the publication staff regrets exceedingly. The schedule which has been in force since we became a fortnightly publication remains unchanged; galleys are returned promptly; page proofs are never late; the printer delivers the magazines to the post office in ample time (all these items have been checked), and yet we end up ten days behind.

Where, then, to put the blame? One might reasonably argue that since the magazines reach the post office according to schedule, there must be something wrong with the schedule. Just speed up the schedule, and there you have it. It's not that simple. We have eight Branch correspondents who have a hard enough time to get in under the wire, as it is. If we speed up the pace, many will fall by the wayside. They like to have up-to-the-minute news in their columns and those last few days before the deadline are extremely important ones.

We have a hunch that our troubles may be dissipated somewhat come November 8. Whatever the election results, there at least will not be the uncertainty and maybe, just maybe, postal workers will go back to work in earnest again.

Oral Health and the Child Patient

By Gordon H. Rovelstad, D.D.S., M.S.D., Elgin, Ill.

(Continued from November 1 issue)

DIETARY MANAGEMENT

True prevention of any disease involves the attack of the source of the problem. Since the basic source of the acid responsible for dental caries is found in the carbohydrate food substance brought into, or remaining in the mouth, dietary management must be the most fundamental approach to true caries prevention. It is recognized that dietary programs of caries control have been deemed impractical by many and impossible by others; nevertheless, it is my firm belief that without some dietary management, there cannot be much success in the management of the child patient. I will not argue whose job it is to instigate the proper dietary recommendations. The point is that it is necessary, and without it true prevention will not exist. Perhaps there are some phases of the dietary control that are more important in the management of a child; and if so, perhaps emphasis of these points will meet with more cooperation.

From the explanation of the caries mechanism given, both fermentable sugars and starches must be considered in the control of the substrate. These sugars and starches may be found alone or hidden in other foods and may be in large or small amounts. Starches should be considered only in those foods that would tend to remain in the mouth inasmuch as the reduction of starch to maltose requires the action of the salivary amylase Ptyalin, a relatively slow process. If a small amount of substrate is brought into the mouth, the caries process can be imagined to occur in one localized area; and if a large amount, in numerous areas. Or, inasmuch as the process is progressive and not reversible a little bit of acid production periodically can eventuate in a cavity just as easily as a great amount. Further, if this acid formation occurs at

at time when no other foods or liquids are consumed, damage to the teeth is more likely for obvious reasons. Also if the acids are formed during the period of low, salivary flow, there is less possibility of neutralization and again more damage may occur. Therefore when we discuss dietary control, we must consider not only the nature of the food, but also the eating habits. Confections, which have taken most of the blame in the past are not the only source of caries substrate. The amount of refined sugar in each item may not be as important as the time and method of consumption and how much remains in the mouth. If sugar containing foods are consumed at meal times together with a well-balanced and adequate diet, the other foods, saliva, and the act of mastication will produce a greater elimination and dilution of acids. On the other hand if a small amount of sugar is consumed regularly between meals, there is a greater possibility of localized acid formation without disturbance.

BETWEEN MEAL EATING HABITS

In reviewing children's eating habits to find the source of sugars in the diet we find that American children are constantly eating between meals, after school, before bed, in addition to three or four regular meals a day. In the analysis of 130 diet reports of children under treatment at the Children's Clinic of Northwestern University Dental School only seven lacked evidence of regular between-meal eating during the week studied. The foods most frequently found were candy, gum, cookies, ice cream, soft drinks, chocolate milk, milk, canned fruit and fruit juices, fresh fruit, pop corn and crackers in that order. Usually, the child with the most frequent snacks consumed the most milk. Many reported chocolate milk and cookies or crackers during

school recess. Cookies and milk and crackers appeared frequently as before bed snacks. The most common time for in-between-meal eating was between three and four in the afternoon just after school. The next most common time was between supper and bed time. In addition practically all reported the regular consumption of sweet desserts at the end of the meal, and almost half reported the regular consumption of canned fruit or fruit juice for breakfast.

Inasmuch as these were all clinic patients and probably children of low income families, thirty of the these reports were selected to compare with thirty similarly prepared reports from children of higher income families under care in private practice. Little difference could be seen between the two groups except that those of the higher income families showed a somewhat greater consumption of the sugar containing foods between meals. Incidentally, all of the 160 diet reports studied were for patients having two or more carious lesions at the time of the study.

This evidence is by no means conclusive. However, it is a very informative report as to the way in which the majority of the substrate is provided for the carious process; and in the light of the present knowledge of the mechanism, it is suggestive of a way of dietary control that might meet with more interest on the part of the parents than that brought about by the "totally eliminate sweets routine." This plan might be centered around the following suggestions:

1. Avoid between meal snacks. Discourage eating, sucking, or chewing on anything except at the regularly established meal hours. Avoid developing habits of eating irregularly at the earliest possible age.
2. Discourage the use of chocolate milk in substitution for whole milk, especially for school milk programs. Also, eliminate the cookies and crackers in the school milk programs.
3. Eliminate the eating of any food before bed time.
4. Establish regular meal hours and

expect the entire family to stick to them.

5. Do not condone the chewing of gum. As long as it contains sugar, it is a potential source of caries. It also stimulates the continuous flow of saliva that may reduce the amount available at the next meal hour.

6. Avoid sweet desserts unless oral hygiene is carried out immediately after eating.

7. Avoid the substitution of canned fruit and fruit juices for fresh.

8. If it is necessary in the best interests of the child for between meal eating, limit it to whole milk and fresh fruit.

9. Watch the summer time consumption of ice-cream, soft-drinks, fruit drinks, frozen pop sticks, and other confections. If a cool drink is desired for children during the summer months, artificially flavored fruit drink concentrates prepared for diabetics may be obtained at the pharmacy. These contain no sugar and satisfy the thirst almost as well as plain water.

Efforts made by dentists and physicians to educate parents and teachers regarding dietary planning and food habits may not be entirely successful. However, many individual cases will be met with enthusiasm by interested parents who will appreciate specific recommendations. If a brief explanation of the mechanism of the carious process is given to the parents together with the dietary recommendations, more intelligent cooperation can be expected.

OTHER PREVENTIVE METHODS

Ammonium Ion dentifrices have been developed for the purpose of reducing the acid-forming bacteria in the mouth. It has been shown to be very effective in this and recommendation of its use in the manner prescribed is warranted. A lengthy discussion of the merit of ammonium compounds in caries prevention is not necessary in view of all that has been written about it in professional journals of late. Suffice it to say, that the study of this caries prevention technic is as yet incomplete and measureable results cannot be promised.

Recent reports on the use of Chlorophyll in caries prevention are interesting. This also is believed to be effective in reducing the numbers of micro-organisms in the mouth. This however is even more in its infancy than the ammonium compounds.

Sodium fluoride by topical application on the other hand is believed to change the surface enamel of the teeth and make it more resistant to the action of acids. As you know this procedure has been strongly recommended by the U. S. Public Health Service and the American Dental Association as a practical caries preventing treatment that is about 40% effective. This technic is easy to fit into most office routines if combined with regular appointments for other types of care.

The last caries prevention technic worthy of mention involves the use of certain drugs, such as silver nitrate and zinc chloride to block uncalcified faults in enamel to prevent the ingress of acids or micro-organisms into dentin and thereby make the tooth more resistant to dental caries. This too is a very immature phase of caries prevention that may or may not have future possibility.

Now then, how may caries prevention and control become a part of the regular office routine in the management of the child patient and still be practical and financially successful?

CARIES CONTROL IN PRACTICE

First, we must know what problems are involved for the individual patient. This involves an adequate diagnosis. Knowing the factors involved makes the decision as to treatment easy. Therefore a definite diagnostic routine should be planned.

Diet analysis as such may or may not be necessary. A simple diet sheet filled in by the parent may give a clue as to the basic problem which when pointed out to the parent will not foster an argument. If a caries activity test such as the Lacto-bacillus count or the Snyders test is used, a definite indication of dietary

factors is given which does not necessarily require further investigation. However, many parents will find it helpful if they keep track of all that goes in their youngster's mouths during a period of a week.

The oral hygiene of the patient at first examination is another factor to be considered in making proper recommendations to the parent. The rapidity of the caries process in the mouth, previous dental care, and the types of carious lesions are also factors to be considered in giving specific advice to parents.

When the problem is classified, treatment may begin by applying the various technics.

Keeping in mind the complexity of the problem involved, the new child patient may be placed through a regular routine that requires a minimum of time, definite purpose, and an adequate fee.

First, if the child is in pain, the dentist's first obligation is to relieve it. Temporary measures are preferred that involve as little operative procedure as possible until the child's confidence is won. Next, a caries activity test may be made on a sample of saliva collected in the office. Saliva collected in this way may not be as accurately tested as that collected early in the morning immediately after awakening, but for all practical purposes will give a classification of caries activity that is quite consistent. The Snyder test performed in this way in my office has proven itself a very valuable diagnostic aid.

Next, the mouth should be thoroughly cleansed not only to aid the dentist in making an adequate clinical examination, but also to acquaint the patient, especially if a young child, with dental instruments. A cursory clinical examination should be made and the mouth charted before the next step which is the radiographing of the mouth. It should be routine procedure to radiograph the new patient as soon as possible. If it is deemed impractical at the first appointment to take full mouth root views, simple bitewing radiographs should be taken; and the other deferred until a later appointment, but not forgotten. All children

should be fully radiographed by age six. However, bite wing views are adequate for the caries control procedures. A brief case history may be taken from the parent determining previous dental care, medical history, and dietary habits. If it is desired, the parent may be given a diet sheet on which to record a weekly summary of food and food habits to be filled out before the second appointment. The patient is then dismissed to return one week later.

SECOND APPOINTMENT

The second appointment need not be lengthy and may be combined with some of the phases of the succeeding appointments. However, the basic purpose of the second appointment is diagnosis and treatment planning with sufficient time for adequate explanations to the parent and discussion of fees if desired. The oral hygiene habits may be quickly estimated by examination of the mouth one week after a thorough prophylaxis. Adequate oral hygiene instruction with demonstration may be given to the patient and to the parent with recommendation of a proper dentifrice. The charting of the mouth may then be completed with the aid of the radiographs, diagnosis completed, diet chart reviewed in the light of the caries activity test of the first appointment and treatment plan outlined. (The caries activity test should be repeated three times before being certain of its classification. At the beginning of the first three appointments this may be carried out and the final classification carried over in a later period.)

This appointment may be the most important appointment in the establishing of a good dentist and patient relationship. Matters discussed at this point can have a very definite influence on the future cooperation of the patient and the parent. Also, the dentist may at this time recognize a disinterested parent and plan his treatment accordingly. (Perhaps this appointment will eventuate in the loss of the patient. If so, it is better that it should occur here than later after much

precious time has been wasted in struggling with an uncooperative parent causing broken appointments, non-payment of fees involved, and question of your procedures.) This type of dental care requires a great deal of cooperation between dentist, parent and patient. Certainly, it should not be thrust at those who are not interested. There is no point in wasting your time on people not wanting this type of care.

From here on treatment may be carried out with sufficient appointments planned to meet the need. The dietary recommendations may be discussed according to the factors discussed earlier in this paper, and these should be followed up during succeeding appointments. As soon as the operative care is completed, Sodium fluoride applications may be made if desired by the parent.

RECALL PROCEDURE

The length of time before the patient should be recalled after dismissal is determined by the oral hygiene of the patient, rate of caries activity as determined by the initial clinical examination and the caries activity tests, and the expected cooperation of the parent and patient. It may be necessary to recall the patient every three months in order to keep him under control, or it may not be necessary to recall oftener than every 6 or 8 months. Nevertheless, he should be recalled and not set adrift. One good way to check why patients can't be depended upon to return on time is to ask yourself when you, your wife, or your children had the last dental examination and prophylaxis.

A very simple recall procedure requires little time; provides adequate diagnostic information and records, includes a caries activity test, prophylaxis, clinical examination, and bite wing radiographs. If new caries is recognized, or a high caries activity determined, a future appointment can be set up to carry out the treatment. The radiographs can be read at the end of the week, and notations made for re-

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Unitarian Service Committee Seeks Contributions

Dr. Isaac Schour, Associate Dean of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, and Dr. Rudolph O. Schlosser, Professor Emeritus of Northwestern University Dental School, are co-chairmen of the Dentists' Committee for the 1950 Fund Raising Campaign in the greater Chicago area for the Unitarian Service Committee, Inc. This is part of a nation-wide drive for \$275,000.00 in 1950, in order to maintain the world-wide humanitarian rehabilitation program of this non-sectarian, non-political organization.



Drs. Schour and Schlosser

Stanley Tylman were members of the Dental Mission to Germany in 1948, which worked with DP dentists in that country.

Doctors Schour and Schlosser and the members of their committee, speaking for hundreds of physicians and dentists throughout the country, ask your support for the Medical-Dental Educational Missions of the Unitarian Service Committee, Inc. The need for these missions still exists. Your contributions will make more of them possible.

Please mail contributions to the office of the Greater Chicago Committee of the USC, Inc. at 315 W. Hubbard Street, Chicago, 10. Financial information is filed for your convenience with the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry and with the Chicago Better Business Bureau. (Checks should be made payable to the Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.)

Regular Meeting Chicago Dental Society

October 17, 1950

North Ballroom—Stevens Hotel

The first regular monthly meeting of the 1950-1951 series was called to order by President Brett at 8:05 p.m.

On motion by Dr. Stark, seconded by Dr. Zinser, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of May 16 was dispensed with inasmuch as these minutes have been published in the **FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW**. Motion carried.

Dr. Baumann moved and Dr. Kleiman seconded that the minutes of the May meeting be approved as published in the **FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW**. Motion carried.

Reports of boards and standing committees—none.

Reports of special committees—none. Unfinished business—none.

New business—

President Brett announced the University of Illinois television program which starts Wednesday, October 18, with an Airbrasive program. These television programs will continue throughout the fall.

President Brett also announced the special dental society flight via United Air Lines to the A.D.A. meeting at Atlantic City. The plane will leave at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 29, and arrive at Atlantic City 12:15 p.m. The return flight will

leave Atlantic City at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, November 2, and arrive in Chicago at 8:00 p.m. He also announced that the family rate would prevail.

Dr. Brett then introduced Dr. James H. Keith, Chairman of the Interprofessional Committee, who in turn introduced Mr. John J. Hogan, Executive Secretary of the Interprofessional Committee. Mr. Hogan reported on the work of that Committee.

President Brett then presented Dr. Otto W. Silberhorn, Chairman of the Monthly Meeting Program Committee, who introduced Mr. Francis J. Garvey, attorney for the American Dental Association. Mr. Garvey gave an excellent and informative report on the status of the men available for military service.

Dr. Silberhorn next presented Dr. Allen O. Gruebel, Secretary of the Council on Dental Health Education of the American Dental Association, who gave a most interesting report on the Dental Nurse program in New Zealand. Following his presentation, Dr. Gruebel answered questions of the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer Ebert, *Secretary*

1951 MIDWINTER MEETING
FEBRUARY 5-8

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIETY TAKES ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL LABORATORIES

The Chicago Dental Society filed suit last month against forty illegal laboratories in an effort to restrain their activities. These laboratories advertise directly to the public, through the *Red Book* and other media, in violation of the provisions of the Illinois Dental Practice Act.

It will take considerable time to serve notice on all of the offending laboratory owners and considerably more time to try the cases. Progress reports will be published from time to time in the **FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW**.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

Members of the Chicago Dental Society who have neglected to notify the Director of the Department of Registration and Education of their change of address should call the Central Office, RAndolph 6-4076, for information on the correct procedure.

ANNUAL HOMECOMING

The annual homecoming of Alumni of the University of Illinois College of Dentistry will be held on Wednesday, December 6.

C.D.A.A. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Dental Assistants' Association will be held on Thursday, November 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Pittsfield Building, 55 E. Washington St.

The program for the evening will be a "Round Table Discussion of Humorous

and Interesting Happenings in a Dental Office." The guest moderator for the evening will be Dr. Maurice Leaf.

ADDITIONAL DISABILITY COVERAGE

The Standard Accident Insurance Company of Detroit, underwriters of the official disability plan of the Chicago Dental Society, has announced that effective November 1, 1950, Total Disability Time Limit for Accidental Bodily Injuries has been extended from two years to five years without additional cost. The Sickness Time Limit of two years remains unchanged.

Both the Standard Accident Insurance Company and the Michigan Life Insurance Company have agreed to cancel the disability and hospital policies on a pro-rata basis in the event a member enters Military Service and, upon the member's return, will reinstate the policies without examination or health questions, provided applications for reinstatement are made within sixty days from date of discharge.

AMA "AD" DRIVE HITS THE PRESS

The million dollar advertising campaign of the American Medical Association, in behalf of voluntary health insurance as opposed to the compulsory variety, was started last month. The first "ad" appeared in every bona fide daily and weekly newspaper in the United States—approximately 11,000. About 30 national magazines were included, also, and a score of advertising trade publications.

In addition to the newspaper advertising, the Association is sponsoring a radio program which calls for an inten-

sive "spot announcement" campaign on some 300 radio stations, covering every state and Hawaii and Alaska.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

The National Tuberculosis Association will conduct its Annual Christmas Seal Sale from November 20 to December 25. The Association must depend upon the Seal Sale proceeds for its year-round fight against TB through education, case finding, rehabilitation and medical research. Tuberculosis still is costing more lives in this country than all other infectious diseases combined.

ROBERT T. FREEMAN SOCIETY CELEBRATES

The Robert T. Freeman Dental Society of the District of Columbia will celebrate its 50th anniversary on November 24 and 25, 1950, in Washington, D.C. This Society, an affiliate of the National Dental Association, is the oldest organization of negro dentists. Dr. Freeman, for whom the society is named, was the first negro to graduate in dentistry.

Special exhibits will be on display showing 50 years' progress of dentistry. Highlighting the program will be a panel discussion by members of the Society on advancements in operative dentistry, prosthetic dentistry, and pedodontia. All program activities will be held at the Howard University College of Dentistry.

REDUCTION IN CARIOS PROMISED

Researchers at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry report a definite trend in the reduction of dental caries by the use of ammoniated dentifrices after a two-year study undertaken in the grade schools of Peoria.

Children were divided into a test group and a control group and the group using the ammoniated dentifrice showed 20.5 per cent less caries than those in the con-

trol group who used the ordinary brushing methods.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL RESEARCH

The Chicago Section of the International Association for Dental Research held its first meeting of the season on Friday, October 27, at the Institute of Medicine. The scientific program consisted of three lectures: 1. "Adrenal Cortical Physiology and Its Relationship to Oral Structures"; Irving B. Fritz, University of Chicago, Zoller Dental Clinic. 2. "Studies on the Number of Strongly Acidogenic Bacteria and Their Relation to Clinical Caries"; Dorothy R. Rizzo and Evelyn B. Tilden, Northwestern University Dental School. 3. "Growth of The Upper Face"; Harry Sicher, M.D., Loyola University, School of Dentistry.

The next scheduled meeting of the Association will be held on November 24, 1950, at the Institute of Medicine, Crerar Library Building, 86 E. Randolph St.

ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS MEETS

The American Academy of Pediatrics met in Chicago during the week of October 16 at the Palmer House. Though the program was devoted mostly to pediatrics, one session dealt with "Oral Health in Pediatrics." This was in the nature of a symposium and included the following speakers: J. R. Blayney, D.D.S., Zoller Clinic, University of Chicago; John R. Thompson, D.D.S., Northwestern University Dental School; George W. Teuscher, D.D.S., Northwestern University Dental School; and Maury Massler, D.D.S., M.S., University of Illinois, College of Dentistry.

HOOVER REPORT JUSTIFIES ITSELF

Since the Hoover Commission's report was published, some 35 per cent of its

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NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

WEST SUBURBAN

!!! OAK PARK CLUB. TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 5, 1950. !!! One of the country's leading pedodontists will present a lecture—Dr. Gordon Rovelstad, Chief of the Dental Department of Children's Memorial Hospital, also teaching at Northwestern University. Dr. Rovelstad has written many articles and the evening will be something worthwhile. . . . !!! ROUND TABLE, MONDAY, DEC. 4. !!! One of the most inspiring meetings ever to be held in dentistry will be this one on Dec. 4. Dr. Chas. A. Cameron, from Park Ridge, a go-getter if there ever was one, is opening his store of knowledge at this meeting. He will start out with office design and then ease off into the IMPORTANT PART, BREAD AND BUTTER DENTISTRY, or streamlining office procedures; short cuts in laboratory work—some quickies in x-ray work, etc. Dr. Cameron is one of these phenomenons in dentistry, has done a wonderful lot of research work and correlated same for his reference. . . . I received a nice humble letter from Jos. H. Krivanek contributing his first little something, as he says, if we have space. Joe, from the way things look now, this is the only item so far with just a few days to my deadline. Joe graduated from Chicago College (Loyola) in 1949 and interned at the Chicago Marine Hospital. He just opened his office at 3230 S. Harlem Ave. and further states he is looking forward to attending his first West Suburban Meeting. Joe, we'll be looking for you with open arms. They say humility is one of the important requisites of a great man. Lots of luck and you fellows with an overflow, don't forget Joe. . . . A very nice card from my good friend, Walter Wicklund. Walter and Lillian, his wife, are fishing and hunting in Colorado; when the trout season closed Oct. 31, they brought out their trusty arms and went

hunting. Studying Business Administration at Boulder is Eldon, their son, whom they will visit. . . . Carl Kempka spent two weeks at the Nine Quarter Circle Ranch in Montana. He brought back an elk and a buck deer. Do you think he had a good time? . . . We are sorry to say Ernie Hudec is on the sick list. . . . Paul Topel went to White Pigeon, Mich., on a little week end trip. . . . I looked up "THANKSGIVING DAY" in the dictionary. It might be of interest that in the U. S. it is a day (now the fourth Thursday of Nov.) generally appointed or recommended annually by the Federal and State Executives as a legal holiday to be set apart for THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR THE MERCIES OF THE PAST YEAR. It originated with the New England colonists and has been regularly observed since President Lincoln's proclamation in 1863. I wonder what would have happened if the Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrims instead of the Pilgrims on the Rock? . . . Along the same line, I looked up "Halloween" for the fun of it, and I can truthfully say to any new correspondent, this is fun to me. Halloween is "The evening preceding Allhallows, or All Saints' Day." In many countries HALLOWEEN is devoted to merrymaking. So, hope you had fun and released some of those inhibitions or what have you and I think we'll all do better work in our offices. . . . In a lecture before a group of dental assistants last February, the definition of *Poise* by a well known psychologist was given. 1. Think of others. Don't be self conscious. 2. Talk over your troubles with some understanding person or a source. 3. Do not get angry. Count 10. 4. Take a deep breath and exhale slowly. . . . One of our most dearly loved colleagues passed away. After a prolonged illness, Helen Wisnow died Oct. 27. Helen was held in high esteem by the profession. She graduated in 1923

from Northwestern with high honors and held many offices in the Chicago Dental Society. She was president of the Chicago Professional Women's Association at one time. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family. . . . It has been repeatedly said, "The easiest way to dignity is *humility*. . . . For Tuesday evening, Dec. 5, you must have dinner reservations. Telephone Bill Sisson. . . . Any news, phone MERRIMAC 7-6292.—*Olaf S. Opdahl, Branch Correspondent.*

NORTH SUBURBAN

Thanksgiving and Christmas will have come and gone before you again gather for our January 9 North Suburban meeting, so we want to promise, now, to have Dr. Charles H. M. Williams, Associate Professor of Periodontology from Toronto, Canada, ready to speak then. You'll be hearing more about this program in later issues, but don't wait to hear more, plan to attend now! ! ! ! . . . We would like to correct an error made in a previous issue. Paul Bostian's horse did come in at Arlington and he took Mrs. Bostian to Miami and Nassau on the winnings. . . . Eddie Baumann, Bostian's neighbor, flew to Atlantic City for the A.D.A. Convention. Pinky Stine, Ibby Ibbotson and their wives attended the same convention. Speaking of Pinky Stine reminds me that he and Jim Plants have been doing a little competitive dieting and Plants has, definitely, without any reservations, won. . . . Your "What Now?" feature writer, Fred Barich, should be coming out with some new and humorous observations on the extraction of a tooth. You see it happened to Fred with Jim Keith wielding the forceps. What we are curious about is why he kept the extraction a secret from his wife? . . . Bill Redlich has been judging in a dog show again, this time it was the German shepherd National at Detroit. . . . We have a report from your Director of the Chicago Dental Society, Harry Chronquist. He says, "The work isn't so hard, but it sure takes a lot of time!" . . . Bill Murray has

Mrs. Murray running around the suburbs looking at both old and new houses. . . . Several new dentists have located in Skokie—Glen Bone, Rolley Bateman and Hugo Otopalik, and we hear Bill Bell will be practicing soon. The best of luck to all of you! . . . The office of the hour is Charlie Schelhas' in Highland Park. Honestly! his new quarters are super luxurious. You'll enjoy just seeing them if you can think of some reason for going to see Schelhas. . . . We are trying to get better coverage of the various suburbs this year; more names from different places is our aim. Some of you have already received our post cards asking for news, and others will receive them some time during the year. When you do get a card, please take a minute to tear off the return post card, jot down a little news and drop it in the mail. Your correspondents will be most appreciative of your help. Thank you.—*I. Milton Dawson, Branch Correspondent.*

NORTH SIDE

I have been a substitute many times but never to a columnist. Hope that I will carry the ball as well as Bob Oppice who has been doing a splendid job. . . . Bob attended the American Dental Association meeting via the heavy air traffic in that direction. Our four delegates representing the Chicago Dental Society were: Mel Zinser, Russ Boothe, Basil Cupis, and Ed Luebke. Manley Elliott and Roland Weber also took to the airlanes. Carl and Mrs. Gieler motored and intended to take in the inexplicable scenery the eastern autumns have to offer. They also took in the American Denture Society meeting which preceded the A.D.A. meeting. . . . The old bugle call is sounding for a few of our North Side colleagues—all these men have volunteered for Air Force duty and will receive the rank of captain. They all expect to report about January 8, 1951. Joseph Solow expects to report to Chanute Field. Les Kahn likes the California climate and will report to Mapher

Field. Jerry Noskin prefers the dry weather in New Mexico and expects to go to Albuquerque. Bernard Margolis goes to Biloxi, Miss. Ira Gold will be deep in the heart of Texas, when he reports to San Antonio. Jules Hazelkorn will be stationed at Sheppard Field. Al Dolin doesn't know where they will send him but he hopes to be around when their blessed event occurs in April. Might be a fullback? . . . Marsh Nilsson's new ranch home is really something to rave about but the real raving will be done sometime in December when the stork makes another visit to this grand couple. . . . Ray Orsinger must have convinced Bob Peterson to take the step forward. Yes, finally he landed the girl of his dreams and the day is December 9. Good luck, Bob, and our best wishes to the lucky girl. . . . R. E. Kadens has just purchased a beautiful home in Lincolnwood. Now his golf game will be neglected for the new arts of lawnmowing and tinkering around the house. . . . The North Side Dental Assistants held their last meeting at Rupnecks. More dentists should encourage their assistants to attend. Those interested kindly call Mrs. Barkley at LO 1-2470. . . . Sid Asher went north on a fishing trip and had to return due to the snow and sleet he encountered. Now we know where the cold fall weather hides. . . . Congratulations to A. N. Allen. He recently completed his solo flight. Here's wishing you many happy landings. . . . O. A. Helmer and Arthur Allen flew to Helmer's ranch at South Dakota Their deep freeze is ready and maybe Bob Pond will get that pheasant? . . . Bob Viel is sporting his new Cadillac. . . . The North Side Forum is held every Friday from 12 to 2 at Johnny Held's restaurant. You're sure to enjoy the meeting so why not try to make it some Friday. It's at Clark and Devon. . . . There was a telephone course and dinner given at the Brown Bear restaurant. We trust that more will attend the next meeting. . . . We're happy to learn that S. Greenberg has recuperated from a five-week illness and we are glad to hear that he is back at the office. . . . C. K. Ditt-

mer's daughter Gretchen was married last October 21 to James Kearns, at the Holy Name Cathedral. They will reside in Rockford, Ill. Dittmer wasn't nervous at all. He saw the picture, "The Father of the Bride." Finis.—*William T. Osmanski, Assistant Branch Correspondent.*

WEST SIDE

Your scribe was invited to the local draft board (4458 West Madison Street) to have a friendly chat and when I arrived there I thought I was at a West Side meeting. In fact, it almost looked as if it were election night. The draft board had more dentists than the Midwinter Meeting. The fellows appeared very jolly in a trembling sort of way. We were afraid to say, "see you later," to one another for fear we would see each other in an army training camp. Oh, well, the worst they can do is just leave you a civilian. . . . Ray Tiersky has been called by the Navy and has already reported for duty. . . . Ed Kamenir has orders to report to Chanute Field. . . . Sorry to report that Carl Tay is ill at the Mount Sinai Hospital. Hope you get well soon, Carl. . . . Louie Batler recently returned from a fishing trip in Skunked Out, Wisconsin. . . . Stan and Mrs. Sherman took the week end off and drove to Oakton Manor. . . . Victor Ganz is going Hollywood by sporting a brand new "Hollywood" convertible Oldsmobile. . . . Andy Podesta has been unable to work at his office due to a hand injury. We hope to see you back at work very soon, Andy. . . . Bernard Rodin recently returned from Israel where he spent fifteen weeks touring the country. Rodin reports that miracles have been performed in this small republic. He also says that this was the most inspiring and eye-opening experience that he has had in traveling. . . . Our next branch meeting will be a clinic night. The United States Navy Dental Corps, under the supervision of Captain Kurt Shantz, will present various table clinics of interest to everyone. More information will be provided in the next

issue. But mark the date off now—December 12. . . . Help! Help!!—Irwin B. Robinson, Branch Correspondent.

SOUTH SUBURBAN

October the 16th was a peculiar day for me; it took me back ten years to the time of Pearl Harbor when all the men of the nation registered. I don't know how many of you men reported to your draft boards to go through the process again. To me, it felt like being in the Service again, having to fill out forms in triplicate, and then having to sit around waiting for things to happen. . . . Our meeting for November was on the 7th at Surma's and we had for our speaker Dr. Henry Sejewski, who spoke on "Skin Cancer." . . . Two of the men here in the Heights shifted quarters. Henry Bahlman and A. J. Broder moved into their respective new offices about the first of November. Ezio "Groucho" Grossi will be *cigaring* us at our next meeting on the birth of his son on October 15. . . . Congratulations are in order for our own A. W. Brookstra of Blue Island. He has gone and done it and, according to the note he dropped me, "to a very beautiful redhead." The happy couple are headed south for a prolonged stay in Mexico City and expect to be "at home" on or about the first of December. The very best of everything good to both of you from all of us! . . . Speaking of the south, it has a strong fascination for the boys from Blue Island, for I just got word that Clarence Folkers is back in Miami again. Our well-heeled friend has a number of properties that need looking after and this also affords an excellent excuse for going to the land of sunshine and hurricanes. Speaking of hurricanes, the one they had in the latter part of October, according to the weather bureau, seems to have been the granddaddy of them all. We had the Hurricane edition of the *Miami Herald* mailed to us, and the type and the extent of the damage done by the wind is awesome. One picture impressed me very much and that was of several

freight cars blown clean off their tracks and lying on their sides as though lifted off by a crane. . . . We have in our midst a Thespian of budding repute, none other than Donald Pippert of Blue Island. He has a role in the Palos Park Village Players' production, and if rumor is accurate he is doing all right for himself. . . . Well, that about dries up the spring. That's all for now.—H. C. Gornstein, Branch Correspondent.

NORTHWEST SIDE

This is being written while your reporter is resting his weary feet from the duties that the job involves. Up and down the boardwalk, in and out of Convention Hall, in and out of lobbies, looking for Northwesters. The total will read something like this: Frank Biedka and Dan Klein, who had an early start at the Denture group meeting. Let's not leave LaMar Harris out of that. He left Wednesday noon for a cocktail party at this same denture group which was to be held Thursday night. It can be done. Your reporter, following almost the same route, followed by 24 hours and had the same time schedule. At the commercial exhibits, we found Fred Zissman. Right behind him came Pete Włodowski, who had been there for a few days attending the annual Delta Sigma Delta meeting. And Irv Stransky was also in a hurry to make a committee meeting. Then another long walk up the boardwalk (no cabs, or vehicles; you walk or you don't get to where you are going) to the Traymore Hotel. This was the A.D.A. headquarters, and the seat of all the non-scientific wisdom. Here we saw Newt Cartwright and Herman Wenger, delegates to the A.D.A. Newt was the chairman of the Illinois delegation at their various meetings. Then back to the Convention hall to see Bill Sutcher watching a demonstration at one of the booths. . . . All this up to press deadline, and into the mail it will go. And then to top off a tough day, after the Alpha Omega dinner at one end

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ORAL HEALTH AND THE CHILD PATIENT

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call of those patients having developed new caries not visible in the clinical examination for operative restoration. Four to six recall patients can be handled on this basis during an hour's time. The advantage of this routine may be listed as follows:

1. The patient always has a clean mouth.
2. A continuous report of caries activity becomes a part of the patient's record with future recalls set accordingly.
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5. A definite service is regularly provided to the patient that is of value and is worthy of a fee. This latter not only maintains the interest of the dentist in following his patients on recall appointments, but also serves to emphasize its importance to parents.

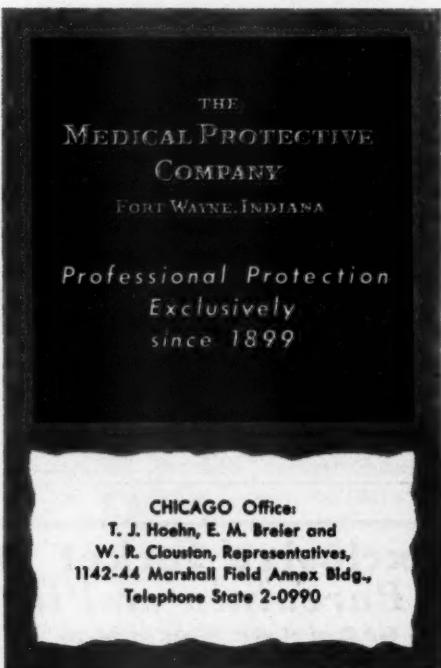
With a procedure of this type, or any other type that you may feel will accomplish the same purposes, the practice of dentistry for the children under your care should be much more enjoyable, more complete, and of greater certainty toward success. Children started out at a very early age in a planned program of this kind and followed through the years have a chance of developing into adults with sound dentitions. We cannot expect to treat dental conditions in children haphazardly or on an irregular schedule and not have tooth losses. The rate of caries is too rapid in children and too variable. This might be attributed to their highly variable habits.

The importance of the years of development cannot be overestimated and the office management of these mouths cannot be successful on the same routine provided for adults. Yes, it involves time. It also involves expense regularly. Never-

theless this is a small price to pay for many years of good oral health in adult life.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, in conclusion, we again refer back to our definition of oral health as the ideal goal for the practice of dentistry. We have stressed the importance of early care and careful care during the developing years. We have discussed the relationship of this care to the attainment of good oral health in adult years. We have outlined a planned program for the management of these patients including the most recent technics available, and we have further stressed the importance of applying preventive dentistry with all of its complex problems as being a vital part of this management. Resultantly, we realize that good oral health as defined is more than just an ideal of practice; it is a possibility for your patients and your families.



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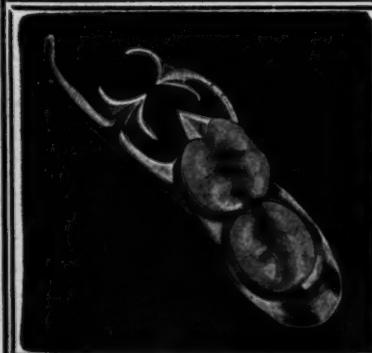
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NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

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of the boardwalk, had the pleasure of walking the Sam Kleimans back to their hotel at the other end of the boardwalk. Wonder how much weight I will have lost from all this exercise. . . . Watch for the announcement of the December meeting in our next issue. See you then.—*Ben Davidson, Branch Correspondent.*

ENGLEWOOD

Our summer weather arrived a bit late but what a wonderful treat it was to have summery days and high temperatures so late in the year. Never thought we would be using our air-conditioners during the last week in October. . . . Pete Christensen took advantage of those balmy days and treated his family to a short autumn vacation. . . . Ted Vermeulen had an additional operating room constructed while he was up in Canada

doing a little duck hunting. . . . Sebastian Becker is back in his office after closing his fishing-summer resort near Hayward, Wisconsin. It must be nice to be able to close one's office in May and spend the entire summer in the North Woods. . . . George Bell is back after another vacation at his summer home on the St. Lawrence River in western New York state. . . . Art Pearce is back on the job after a prolonged illness and Everett Shissler is back in his office after being out most of the summer—a couple of news items we are happy to report. . . . Bill Schulz was home ill a few days but is in there pitching as of old. . . . C. M. Fisher and son Bob traveled to Washington, D. C., to visit another son who is stationed with the Dental Corps in the Pentagon. . . . Adolph Gumpel is equipping a second operating room. . . . Stanley Tikusis has moved his office to 108th Street and Michigan Avenue. Good luck in your new location, Stan! . . . Harry Kazen has not only been influential in causing Harold Hayes to become an enthusiastic

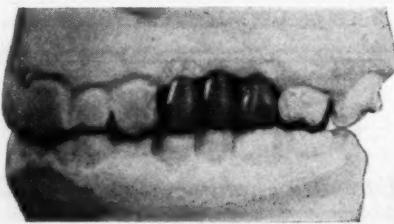
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sailor but talked Harold into helping him put his boat into drydock—which is the neatest trick of the season. . . . Marion Hopkins has been out with his bow and arrow again—this time in quest of deer. . . . In closing, just a bit of incidental information: Last year dentists in the Chicago area inspected the teeth of 16,000 school children. Of this number, 12,000 went to see their family dentist and of these, 6,000 had complete corrections.—*Lawrence E. Lucas, Branch Correspondent.*

KENWOOD-HYDE PARK

The next Kenwood meeting will be held at the Sherry Hotel, 53rd and the Lake, on Tuesday, December the fifth. Dr. Marvin E. Chapin will be our guest speaker and will present the paper, "Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner." This essayist has appeared before branch societies on numerous occasions and he is well qualified in his specialty—exodon-

tia and oral surgery. All Kenwood members must have reservations for dinner. Please call Graham Davies, PLaza 2-5880, and make a reservation at your earliest convenience. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. sharp. . . . Several of our members—Bob Wells, Walt Dundon, Harry Hartley, and Elmer Ebert—attended the A.D.A. meeting in Atlantic City. . . . Otto and Mrs. Mast vacationed for a week down on their farm in Angola, Indiana. . . . Les Boyd occasionally travels here and there but your correspondent never gets a chance to trail him down to get definite information about his most recent sojourn. Recent reports indicated that Les had presented a paper in Louisville, Kentucky. . . . We are in need of a supply of news so please phone in your items to FAirfax 4-4727. A competent secretary will greet you with a cheery "Hello" and then the young lady will be prepared to jot down the news. My present column will indicate that the phone has not been ringing a helluvalot.—*Howard E. Strange, Branch Correspondent.*

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DR. CLAUDE E. RICHARDS 1880-1950

Dr. Claude E. Richards, longtime Evanston dentist and a past-president of the North Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Society, passed away September 27 at his home. He retired from practice a few years ago because of failing health.

Dr. Richards was graduated from Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1903, and began his practice in Evanston the same year. He was a charter member and a past-president of the Evanston Rotary Club and a charter member of the Elks Club.

Surviving are his widow, Mayphor; and two sons, Claude E., Jr., and Dr. Stanleigh B. Richards.

DR. LEON WINEBERG 1897-1950

Dr. Leon Wineberg, a member of the Englewood Branch of the Chicago Dental Society, died August 24, 1950.

Dr. Wineberg was graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1918 and was active in dental society affairs from the moment he joined. He served on the Information Committee of the Midwinter Meeting for many years and was its Chairman a few years ago. He is survived by his widow and one daughter.

APPLICANTS

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